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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 31, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R) (entered after roll call)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 470, 3/23/2015; HB 223, 3/23/2015

00:00:58 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 470

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:11 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 470. Generally revise guaranteed asset protection waiver laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:01 Jacqueline Lenmark, Guaranteed Asset Protection Alliance (GAPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:52 Lorraine Schneider, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:29 Sen. Brown
00:08:15 Ms. Lenmark, GAPA
00:08:38 Sen. Vuckovich
00:08:42 Ms. Lenmark
00:10:37 Sen. Connell
00:13:24 Ms. Lenmark
00:14:44 Sen. Vuckovich
00:18:18 Ms. Lenmark
00:20:12 Chairman Buttrey
00:20:40 Sen. Vuckovich
00:20:51 Ms. Lenmark
00:21:00 Sen. Facey
00:21:25 Sen. Whitford
00:21:40 Ms. Lenmark

Sen. Arntzen entered the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:56 Rep. Clark

00:23:33 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 223

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:42 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 223. Revise cost of death certificates and use for funding board of funeral service.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:28 Erin McGowan, Montana Funeral Directors Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus67a01\)](#)

00:31:32 Erin MacLean, executive director, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

00:35:44 Shawneal Krauszer, president, Montana Funeral Directors Association; owner Krauszer Funeral Solutions

00:41:37 Misty Echevarria, licensed mortician and funeral director; Garden City Funeral Home, Missoula; Montana Funeral Directors Association

00:45:23 Michael Turner, licensed mortician, Daly-Leach Chapel, Hamilton; Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus67a02\)](#)

00:49:52 Robert Grymes, part owner, funeral home in Hamilton; licensed mortician

[EXHIBIT\(bus67a03\)](#)

00:56:12 Kyle Zimmerman, manager, funeral home; licensed in Montana, Minnesota and North Dakota

[EXHIBIT\(bus67a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus67a05\)](#)

00:59:17 Travis Newman, manager, Smith Funeral Homes in Billings; vice president, Montana Funeral Directors Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus67a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:07:29 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:47 Sen. Connell

01:08:48 Mr. Turner, MFDA (redirect)

01:09:25 Ms. McLean, MFDA (redirect)

[EXHIBIT\(bus67a07\)](#)

01:15:31 Mr. Younkin, DLI

01:16:09 Sen. Brown

01:18:31 Mr. Younkin

01:18:36 Sen. Brown

01:18:50 Rep. Clark

01:19:12 Chairman Buttrey

01:19:42 Rep. Clark

01:19:58 Sen. Brown

01:20:15 Rep. Clark (redirect)

01:21:05 Sen. Brown

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01:24:41 Sen. Facey
01:28:16 Mr. Younkin
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01:32:19 Mr. Newman
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01:33:38 Rep. Clark
01:35:02 Chairman Buttrey
01:35:07 Sen. Vuckovich
01:41:25 Ms. MacLean

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01:43:59 Chairman Buttrey
01:45:20 Rep. Clark (redirect)
01:45:32 Ms. MacLean
01:45:46 Chairman Buttrey
01:46:44 Ms. MacLean
01:47:45 Sen. Whitford
01:52:58 Ms. MacLean
01:53:19 Sen. Brown
01:54:21 Ms. MacLean
01:55:40 Chairman Buttrey
01:55:44 Sen. Brown
01:56:13 Sen. Whitford
01:57:56 Ms. MacLean
01:58:55 Chairman Buttrey
01:58:58 Mr. Younkin

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:02 Rep. Clark
02:01:02 Chairman Buttrey

Committee Business:

02:02:28 Chairman Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:03 P.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus67aad.pdf](#))